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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 25 November 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date See Continuation Sheet.
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Raychaudhur, (U.S. Patent 563871) in view of Kazutoshi et al. (U.S. Patent 5978380), hereafter Kazutoshi and further in view of Aznar et al (U.S. Patent 6754182), hereafter Aznar.
3. Regarding Claims 1, 5, 6, and 10, Raychaudhur teaches of a mobile communication base station device, QoS control method, and program in a mobile communication base station device that conducts radio communication with mobile apparatuses connected to an ATM network using modulation/demodulation and coding/decoding. (Figure 2). The examiner notes that it is common for wireless base stations to use modulation/demodulation to attach data to carrier signals and coding/decoding to mitigate data errors in transmissions. See, for example, Han et al. (U.S. Patent US 6795416) Abstract which is cited here as evidence.
4. However, Raychaudhur is silent with regards to a channel control unit to regulate ATM channel bandwidth or of a channel QoS management unit that gives instructions to the channel control unit based on the state information of the wireless channel.
5. Kazutoshi, by contrast, teaches of a wireless channel state monitoring unit (3:45-60; i.e. traffic monitor detecting means of a common signal channel); channel control unit (3:45-60; i.e. channel capacity executing mean) for ATM channel bandwidth and a QoS management unit

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(3:45-60 and Figure 1; i.e. channel capacity change determining mean). Note, Kazutoshi teaches of channel state (e.g. common channel signaling monitoring) between two generic exchange units (Figure 1; elements 3 and 4). However, from a data interface view, one exchange unit could be a base station and a second exchange unit could be ATM switch.

6. It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to modify the ATM teachings of Raychaudhur with the channel monitor, control and change teachings of Kazutoshi to map ATM bandwidth with wireless channel conditions. By doing do, valuable ATM bandwidth can be re-allocated to other network services when the wireless channel conditions are poor e.g. high BER and C/N, and conversely additional ATM bandwidth can be re-allocated when the wireless channel conditions are good. This would optimize the ATM network and make it more economical.

7. Regarding Claims 2, 4, 7, 11, and 13, in a second embodiment Kazutoshi teaches that channel Qos management unit instruct the channel control unit to set priority to each data received from the plurality of mobile apparatuses. (6:51-67 and 7:1-5 and Figure 6).

8. Regarding Claims 3, 4, 8, 9, 12, and 13, though teaching the limitations of Claim 1, neither Raychaudhur nor Kazutoshi teach at the time of decoding in coding/decoding unit, record time information; transfer data to the channel control unit together with the recorded time information; and abandon data whose delay exceeds a delay designated by the Channel QoS management unit.

9. However, Aznar teaches of an ATM traffic-policing algorithm where conforming cells are accepted into the network and non-conforming cells may be disposed, i.e. abandoned, of immediately. Aznar's method allow use of a finite counter for measuring elapsed time at entry ports of ATM switching nodes (Abstract, Figure 1; 3:26-50)

10. It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to modify the ATM teachings of Raychaudhur, the channel monitor,

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control and change teachings of Kazutoshi with the ATM traffic policing algorithm of Aznar to record time information i.e. timestamp, during codec and then use the policing algorithm in the Channel QoS management unit to regulate which data is passed to the ATM network.

11. In this manner, tardy data, i.e. cells, can be immediately abandoned so as not to consume valuable ATM bandwidth. This would further improve the efficiency of the network, making it more cost effective. Integrating the ATM traffic-policing algorithm in the Channel QoS management unit is logical because policing traffic is the main function of that unit.

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Henry Baron whose telephone number is (571) 270-1748. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM E.S.T. Monday to Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Bruce can be reached on (571) 272-2487. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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